

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District – Jackie Crabb

Applicant's Agent: Self-Representing

Project Name: Los Osos Creek Wetland Restoration

Receiving Water: Los Osos Creek and Warden Creek

City/County: Los Osos / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: January 28, 2021 – February 18, 2021

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase floodplain connectivity and remove infrastructure associated with agricultural operations and homesteading.

The proposed project activities include:

- Restoring and enhancing 40 acres of palustrine wetlands and 16 acres of upland coastal dune scrub;
- Restoring floodplain function;
- Reducing the impacts of sedimentation on the Morro Bay Estuary;
- Enhancing habitat for sensitive species;
- Grading approximately 102 acres;
- Replacing the SR 1 roadway embankment with a 360-foot long causeway section;
- Grading to elevate approximately 23 acres of existing farmland;
- Reconnecting 102 acres of historic floodplain; and
- Implementing a Restoration Management Plan.

No mitigation is proposed.

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 24, 2020.